policy, the back door entry by a PIO. If he becomes and has a dual citizenship, what is the Government's policy on that particular PIO who has a dual citizenship?

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, a PIO will remain a PIO. It does not take away his identity as a PIO. In his capacity as a PIO, hon. Home Minister will be able to separately explain this. A PIO who comes into the domain of dual citizenship would have to be dealt with as per the provisions of the law which will be brought in for dual citizenship. But there is no difference in FDI for NRIs and PIO. The only difference arises in the case of civil aviation sector because there are other rules and regulations which govern that.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH: Sir, I would like to ask the hon. Minister why is it that only in civil aviation we have this peculiarity that foreign airlines with expertise in airline management are not allowed to invest as FDI investors. Why call it FDI investors?

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Forty-nine per cent is allowed. It is not that they are not allowed to invest. The Civil Aviation Minister, I suppose should answer this. But Indian domestic airlines have grown and it is to ensure their consolidation in the Indian market that they have not been given 100 per cent FDI but 49 per cent FDI is allowed. Saying that no FDI is allowed is not correct.

## NTC mills in Andhra Pradesh

*404. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:†

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Textile Corporation (NTC) Mills located in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the profits and losses of these mills during the last three years; and

(c) whether any NTC mills have been referred to BIFR during the last three years?

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†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Vanga Geetha.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

***Statement***

(a) There were 6 NTC mills in Andhra Pradesh under NTC (APKKM) Ltd., Bangalore; out of which 4 unviable mills were closed in the year 2002 as per the Rehabilitation Schemes approved by BIFR.

(b) The losses of the 2 working mills in Andhra Pradesh during the last 3 years are as under:

(In Lakh rupees)

| | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tirupathi Mill | 281.49 | 310.65 | 357.89 |
| Anantapur Mill | 430.97 | 495.85 | 525.06 |

(C) All NTC mills in Andhra Pradesh, which are units of NTC (APKKM) stand referred to BIFR, for which a rehabilitation scheme is under implementation.

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Sir, according to the reply given by the hon. Minister, there were six NTC mills in Andhra Pradesh. Out of which, four were already closed in 2002, and the only remaining two are at Anantapur and Tirupathi. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether there is any proposal to strengthen Tirupathi and Anantapur mills so as to help employees and farmers of that area.

**श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला:** आप NTC की तथा दो और मिलों—तिरुपति मिल और अनंतपुर मिल, के बारे में पूछ रही हैं। अनंतपुर मिल में जितने भी लेबरर्स थे, उनको VRS दे दिया गया है और दोनों मिलें घाटे में हैं। तिरूपति मिल में तो मैं स्वयं गया था और वहां और पैसा डालने के बाद वह अभी भी चालू है। अनंतपुर मिल की भी अगर प्रपोज़ल आएगी तो उसे चालू करने की कोशिश करेंगे।

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Sir, my second supplementary is this. Now, only two NTC mills remain in Andhra Pradesh and both are referred to the BIFR. I would like to know as to what is the present status of these two mills.

SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: Sir, Tirupathi Mill is going on and we are infusing more money.

As far as Anantapur Mill is concerned, it is totally closed. We gave the VRS to all labourers. As has been mentioned in the reply, both the mills are incurring losses like anything. If any private party comes forward for reviving, we will put this matter before the concerned authority. By giving it on lease to a private party, the NTC will take the total responsibility of all labourers.

श्री राजीव शुक्ल: सभापति जी, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि जो मुम्बई में NTC की मिलें बिक रही हैं, यह प्रस्ताव है कि 20 मिलों की रिस्ट्रक्चरिंग की जाएगी, जिसमें आंध्र प्रदेश की भी 6 मिलें शामिल हैं, यह सही है क्या?

श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला: नहीं जी। जो 22 मिलों को रिवाइव करने की प्रपोज़ल BIFR की इंस्ट्रक्शंस के हिसाब से हमारे पास है, इनमें आंध्र की एक भी मिल नहीं है। मुम्बई की 2 मिलें हैं, इसमें ...(व्यवधान)

श्री सभापति: आंध्र की नहीं है न। आंध्र की है या नहीं है, आपसे सवाल इतना सा ही पूछा है।

SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Sir, the Government has realised a large amout of money through sale of properties of NTC mills situated in various parts of the country. I would like to know from the hon. Minister how much money has been utilised for the revival of NTC mills in the country, especially in the State of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: As far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, there is a joint venture scheme. लेकिन जो आपने अभी फरमाया है कि बहुत पैसे आए हैं, ऐसी बात नहीं है। आज तक 2,458 करोड़ रुपए हमारे पास आए हैं, जिसमें से 2,000 करोड़ रुपए तो जो सर्विंग बोर्ड है, इसको repay करने के लिए हैं और मॉडिफिकेशन में 458 करोड़ रुपए डालने हैं। तमिलनाडु की 6 मिलें हैं जो मॉडिफिकेशन के हिसाब से हमारी लिस्ट में हैं और प्रियारिटी के हिसाब से तो 22 मिलें हैं। Of the 22 mills, six are under NTC of Tamil Nadu.

## FDI in retail sector

*405. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to carve out retailing into separate categories and propose to allow FDI into the sector;